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Patent Number: 6,814,031 *B2*

Issued: November 9, 2004

Name of Patentees: Bruce A. Hotton, James M. Martin,  
James W. Mears and Thomas E. Archibald  
(As Corrected)

Title of Invention: COMBUSTION AIR SHUTOFF APPARATUS FOR  
A FUEL-FIRED HEATING APPLIANCE

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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF PATENT  
FOR PATENT OFFICE'S MISTAKE (37 C.F.R. §1.322)**

Sir:

It is noted that an error appears in this patent, as more fully described below. A Certificate of Correction is thus requested.

A clerical/typographical error by the Patent Office has been found on the front sheet of the patent in section (75) entitled "Inventors". Specifically, on October 9, 2003, applicants filed an "AMENDMENT, REQUEST AND FEE DELETING INCORRECTLY NAMED PERSONS WHO ARE NOT INVENTORS OF INVENTION NOW BEING CLAIMED - NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION" pursuant to 37 CFR §1.48(b) (copy enclosed herewith) in which deletion of the originally named inventors Gordon W. Stretch, John A. Scanlon, Gary A. Elder, James T. Campbell, Larry D. Kidd and Eric M. Lannes from the originally designated inventor list was requested due to a restriction requirement to which the originally filed application was subjected.

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Applicants' request that these originally named inventors be deleted was granted on November 8, 2004 (prior to the issuance of the subject patent) in a "DECISION GRANTING PETITION" (copy enclosed herewith). However, the deleted inventors were erroneously included in section (75) on the front page of issued U.S. Patent 6,814,031.

Enclosed herewith in duplicate is a completed copy of Form PTO/SB/44 setting forth the correct list of inventors for this patent. Please send the Certificate to J. Richard Konneker, 660 North central Expwy., Suite 230, Plano, Texas 75074.

Respectfully submitted,

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Change the present "Inventors" section (75) on the front page of the patent to read as follows:

Bruce A. Hotton, Montgomery, AL (US); James A. Martin, East Greenwich, RI (US); James W. Mears, Warwick, RI (US); Thomas E. Archibald, Providence RI (US)

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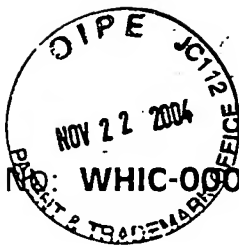
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Divisional Patent Application of: Bruce A. Hotton et al  
(A Division of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/200,234 Filed July 22, 2002)

Filed: Herewith

Entitled: COMBUSTION AIR SHUTOFF APPARATUS FOR  
A FUEL-FIRED HEATING APPLIANCE (As Amended)

Previous Group Art Unit: 3749 Previous Examiner: Lu, Jiping

**AMENDMENT, REQUEST AND FEE DELETING INCORRECTLY  
NAMED PERSONS WHO ARE NOT INVENTORS OF INVENTION  
NOW BEING CLAIMED - NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION  
37 CFR §1.48(b)**

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Sir:

This amendment and request under 37 CFR §1.48(b) is to delete the names of the following persons named as inventors and who are not the inventors of the invention now being claimed in this divisional patent application:

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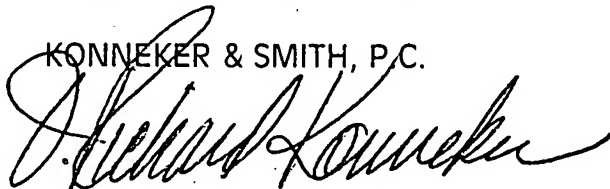
The claims now on file in this divisional patent application are originally filed Claims 30-45, and the list of the correct inventors for the subject matter of these claims is as follows:

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Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$130 in payment of the fee required in conjunction with this amendment by 37 CFR §1.17(i). Authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1543. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.

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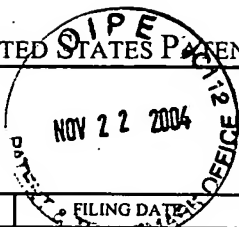
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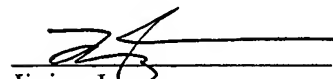
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DECISION GRANTING  
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This is a decision on the petition filed 10/9/2003 to correct inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48.

The petition is granted.

The inventorship in this application has been corrected to delete GORDON W. STRETCH;  
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